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FOR THE DAILY CHRONICLE.

TO MR. T. F. GORDON,  
COMPLETING HIS HISTORY OF PENNSYLVANIA.  
BY BURLINGTON CHESTER, ESQ.

SONS! whose pen to future time relates  
the tale of Pennsylvania's woes since,  
their trials, their struggles, and their simple fates,  
so vulgar task, I deem, thy page inspires.  
To thine to show how, 'midst the desert shade,  
the solid nucleus of an empire grew,  
attawed with vain monarchical parade,  
and grieved with men infelicitous and true.  
Issue sprang the race for civil rule renowned,  
for strong battlements or sculptured domes,  
or conquest; but for taming desert ground,  
sense of right, obedience to the laws,  
yielding firmness, value of their homes,  
and Liberty's and Man's undying, holy cause.

From the Massachusetts Daily Journal.

SKETCHES OF SOCIETY.

*Who is she?*—There is no question that excites greater anxiety than "*Who is she?*" Any thing beautiful in a fair stranger instantly strikes, and enquiry is everlasting summed. The ideas of beauty are almost as various as the different lines of the human countenance. Feeling does not follow at all times those ideas, but the secret spell of sympathy influences the heart, and we are oftentimes in love without admiring. Some amateurs there are, who prefer the display of a well turned ankle to all other considerations, while many are in raptures at the "dignity and love" of action, the graceful step, the beaming eye, or the heavenly smile; but there are thousands whose sullen souls like "lamps in sepulchres" are unmoved by either. Peace to all such! the power of attraction grows with the intensity of heat; and those that have it not, cannot expect to be entertained when they cannot contribute to enjoyment.

*Who is she?* rushes into the tender bosom when she views a dangerous rival. *Who is she?* glances from the eye of the gallant, when he is cheered by the prospect of an agreeable change, or a charming variety, and the fortune hunter, when a hint is dropped, teases you with importunities. "*Who is she?*" repeats the scandal bearer and the newsmonger, that he may entertain the next acquaintance with his fresh acquisitions.— "*Who is she?*" flashes from the poking eye of the dandy, when he pops his eye through the quiz glass upon a strange character, and "*Who is she?*" rushes from the eager gestures of old Teazle, when his shrivelled up heart is subdued by graces that despise his inclemency. The rage to live and the love of sway, are passions that strongly interest the female bosom. Age and despair are their only opiates. And though we are alternately tantalized by cold repulses and soft invitations, there is not an angel living, but who, in decorating herself, wishes to inspire the panting emotion of *who is she?*"

TRIFLES LIGHT AS AIR.

*Billes.*—The first division of this kind of writing is without doubt the *Billes doux*, which means, as the Dictionary says, "a soft note," or in other words, "a note of admiration," or to speak vernacularly, a *Love Letter*. These notes should be written in an upright hand, the better to denote the purity and uprightness of the writer's intentions, and on the whitest paper, the better to express the virgin excellence which is the subject of encomium. The answer by the way, should be on rose-coloured paper, which denotes the blushes that so well become a lady on receiving an offer. The style should be in the namby pamby; not so much so, however, as to discover an agitation; a blot now and then, or little misspelling, provided the person is supposed able to spell correctly on common occasions, would be no means be amiss. If the lady is very young, the more mistakes she makes the better, but if she is on the discretion side of twenty, the thing must be done with the utmost attention to decorum, propriety, and correctness.

The Billet written, it is then necessary to consider how it should be folded. Some people double over a corner, others fold it as we should a paper to light a cigar, and then turn it so as to form a square. This is well enough, if the writer be a free-mason, and wishes to hint to his fair one his high standing in the brotherhood. Others again, twist their notes, just, if I may so say, as a washer-woman wrings a cloth; this is not a good plan, as it denotes a corresponding twisification in the writer's temper, and would much better become an old maid's negative answer.

Lastly—*how it should be sent.* It may be endorsed among the leaves of the last fashionable novel, at the most tender scene; or it may be safely dropped into the lady's indispensable, only that she may forget it, or in a fit of absence use it to curl her hair, but the best way is to send it by a younger brother. The note of interrogation, written and sent, how shall the lady receive it.

I sympathize so much, that I am unable to pursue a further division.

VOLCANO OF POPOCATEPELT,  
IN MEXICO.

On the 20th April, 1827, this volcano was visited for the first time. The party consisted of Messrs. William and Frederick Glennie, of the United Mexican Mining Company, Mr. John Taylor, and a youth named Jose Quintana; they were provided with a barometer, sextant, theodolite, &c. and some Indians to carry the instruments.

On the 19th of April they commenced the ascent of the mountain from the side of Santa Catalina, and were conducted by a guide through a wood to the upper side of some pine-trees which they found at a height of 12,544 feet above the level of the sea. Here they

passed the night, wrapped in their cloaks, beside a great fire. About twelve o'clock it rained, and afterwards a hard frost came on.

On the 20th, mounted on mules, they began the ascent by moonlight, at half past three in the morning. They soon got beyond all trace of vegetation, and arrived at a level covered with sand and loose stones, which, though rendered somewhat firm by the rain of the preceding night, nevertheless proved extremely fatiguing to the mules. They continued ascending the mountains from south to west until six in the morning, when they found it impossible to proceed farther with the mules, for, besides being overpowered by fatigue, the animals would have been unable to ascend the steep acclivity which now rose before them.

The travellers, therefore, dismounted and put on their cloaks, taking with them two skins filled with water for drink, and their barometer, which was carried by the boy Quintana. They began to ascend over a tract covered with loose sand, and fragments of pumice-stone, their object being to reach some masses of rock which appeared to be connected with the summit of the mountain. But here they experienced great difficulties, for the eminence was so steep and the ground so unsolid, that at every step they ascended, they almost slipped down again. The fatigues of this exertion, joined to the diminution of atmospheric pressure, compelled them to rest at every fifteen or twenty paces. In this manner they proceeded upwards to the distance of about half a mile, when they reached the masses of rock towards which they had directed their course. Here they halted to wait for the Indians, who were ascending more slowly. Hitherto the thermometer had continued at 25 deg. Fahrenheit (2 deg. below the 0 of Reaumur); the sky was perfectly clear, but the horizon was obscured by a dense cloak of vapour, which prevented them from discerning any object. They seemed to be in the midst of an ocean of fog—At eight in the morning the sun began to be visible.

As soon as the Indians joined them they took of a slight repast, and then continued their journey, passing over some great loose stones, which had rolled down from the upper part of the precipice, and having lodged one against another, formed a sort of pathway. But these stones were so feebly held together, that when stepped upon they frequently rolled away, which rendered the path extremely unsafe. At this the Indians became alarmed, and showed a distrust and offers, they were induced to ascend a little higher; but finding that the road further on was as bad or even worse, they absolutely refused to advance. Perceiving an opening on the left, the travellers determined to attempt the ascent in that part, but the road was bad, and besides, the clouds in which they were enveloped prevented them from seeing their way. As it was found impossible to induce the Indians to continue the journey, they were furnished with some provisions, and directed to descend and wait at the place where the party had slept on the preceding night.

Soon after the Indians left them, they passed the clouds, and reached an extremely steep and stony path, which they ascended with much difficulty. Fatigue, accompanied by pains in their knees, obliged them to halt at every eight or ten paces, and after journeying in this way for about an hour, they arrived at an amphitheatre of basaltic rocks, so steep that they could only ascend by climbing on their hands and feet; and that with many risks. Turning to the right, they next came to a place covered with sand, consisting, apparently, of pounded pumice stone, and they ascended to a very elevated rocky peak, which, as seen from Mexico, has merely the appearance of a small sharp point. This is a huge compact mass of black basalt, resembling broken pillars, whose large crevices were filled with solid snow. Here small stones occasionally fell upon them, as if thrown down by people from above. They also began to feel headache and nausea, which proved more distressing to Quintana than to any of the party. The barometer now showed that they were 16,995 feet above the level of the sea. After partaking of some light refreshment, and resting for an hour, they resumed their journey.

Having reached the sandy slope which forms the dome or summit of the mountain, they again rested for a short time. Mr. Glennie placed the barometer at the greatest height within their reach, and while they were engaged in observing it, Quintana suddenly fell down, overcome by fatigue and illness. He complained much of pain in his head. He had been smoking a great deal during the day, which might possibly have occasioned his illness, as drinking spirits is known to any of the party. The barometer now showed that they were 16,995 feet above the level of the sea. After partaking of some light refreshment, and resting for an hour, they resumed their journey.

The course of some time, the young Mac-vic-lan became attached to the daughter of Cameron of Lochiel, a young lady of extraordinary beauty and merit, who had many distinguished suitors. His uncle who was denominated Mac-vic-Coin, an appellation always bestowed on the Tanister, or heir apparent, of that family, resided near Strontian, a place since well known from its lead mines, and the discovery of the earth tremors. He was a man of gigantic size and extraordinary strength, and on this interesting occasion he accompanied his nephew, the very handsome and promising young Laird of Ardmurchan, who was commonly styled Donald Conallach, an appellation which the Macdonalds inherited from the aboriginal chiefs of the land, from whom they were maternally descended, as already mentioned. The lady was attached to Mac-vic-lan, and her father sanctioned her choice with his approbation; the terms of the contract were arranged, and a day was appointed for their marriage. The uncle returned home by the direct road, and on his arrival at his own house, his wife inquired if the marriage was to proceed? He replied in the affirmative. "Well, then," said his wife, "if your nephew shall marry Lochiel's daughter, they will employ you as a slave to hew wood and draw water for them;" alluding to the influence the young man would acquire by the connexion. "By the souls of my father and grand father," said her husband, "that shall never happen!" He knew the path by which his nephew took his journey homeward, and that, loath to part even for one short week from his lovely bride, he had lingered a night behind him. Mac-vic-Coin, accompanied by a few of his followers repaired by a narrow pass at the head of Kentrav bay, and lurking in a thick bush of birch, which still covers the spot, he there awaited the approach of the happy bridegroom, who soon appeared,—his heart elated with joy and his countenance covered with smiles. The monster shot him with an arrow and killed him.

We forbear to relate the remarks which the savage murderer made on the convulsive struggles of his dying nephew. The stream in which he fell still bears his name, and these eruptions are frequent, and they vary in their violence. Small columns of smoke issue at various points, both in the interior and round the mouth of the crater. The crater resembles the form of a deep funnel; having round its sides longitudinal furrows, diverging from bottom to

the top, like the radii of a circle. Three rings, or circular excavations, divide it into four zones of various sizes, the largest being that near the mouth of the crater. This upper zone is composed of limestone, and the other appears to be of sand. Snow was seen on the exterior, and the northern part of the interior of the crater. It is much lower on the eastern than on the western side. On the south side the edge was so narrow and uneven that it was not easy to walk along it, but on the north it was broader and more equal. From the summit of Popocatepetl nothing was visible but the volcano of Orizaba, and the snow-capped Sierra beside it. Every other object was obscured by the clouds.

Night coming on the party returned by the same road which they had taken in their ascent; to the spot were they had left the youth Quintana. Here they intended to pass the night, and to make another visit to the summit of the mountain on the following day. But they found the boy exceedingly ill, with a feverish pulse, and violent headache, so that it became necessary to convey him to some place where he might receive assistance. They carried him with great difficulty down the steep and narrow pass of Los Neveros, and when night set in they once more found themselves at the limits of vegetation. They returned to Mexico on the 22d. The highest brink of the crater of the volcano of Popocatepetl was found to be 17,884 feet above the level of the sea.

and the natives, in crossing the pass, bless God that times are now changed. This event occurred about the year 1620.

## INUNDATED LANDS ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

LETTER from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting to Congress the information required by a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 24th of December last, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to "communicate to the House any information in his possession, showing the quantity and quality of the public lands in the State of Louisiana which are rendered unfit for cultivation from the inundations of the Mississippi, the value of said lands when reclaimed, and the probable cost of reclaiming them." I have the honour to transmit herewith a report from the Commissioner of General Land Office, dated the 12th instant; the statements and views contained in which are deemed to be of much interest on the subjects embraced by the resolution.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

your obedient servant, RICHARD RUSH.

The Hon. the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, {  
January 12, 1829. {

Sir: In obedience to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 24th of December last, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to "communicate to the House any information in his possession, showing the quantity and quality of the public lands in the State of Louisiana which are rendered unfit for cultivation from the inundations of the Mississippi, the value of said lands when reclaimed, and the probable cost of reclaiming them." I have the honor to report that the Mississippi, in its course between the 33d degree of latitude and the Gulf of Mexico, inundates, when at its greatest height, a tract of country, the superficial area of which may be estimated at 5,429,260 acres; that portion of the country thus inundated which lies below the 21st degree of latitude may be estimated at 3,183,580 acres; and that portion above the 31st degree of north latitude, or which is above the 33d degree of north latitude, may be estimated at 2,245,680 acres, of which 398,000 acres lie in the State of Mississippi. This estimate includes the whole of the country which is subject to inundation by the Mississippi and the waters of the Gulf. 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Jan. 5-14

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**NOTICE.**

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by requested to make payment, and those having claims  
against the same will please present them for payment,  
to CHARLES DEEWES, Administrators.  
or, HENRY DEEWES, Administrators.

Feb. 23-24

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jan. 23-41

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Jan. 20-21

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Feb. 21-28

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Feb. 21-28

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Feb. 24-25

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